June 22, 2007, Welcome to InfoShock News Express. InfoShock News Express is a weekly news bulletin of activities happening in the University Libraries brought to you by the members of the Libraries Operations Council. And now for the announcements—

Stephanie Sauls to Join University Libraries

Stephanie Sauls has accepted an offer to join the University Libraries staff as Senior Administrative Assistant in the Dean’s Office, Sylvia Epps position. Stephanie’s first day will be July 1. Currently Stephanie works at the University of Kansas Medical Center-Wichita. Prior to her current position, she was employed at WSU in Continuing Education for eight years.

Brenda Khan to Stay a Little Longer While Search Gets Underway

Good news was received when Brenda Khan agreed to remain in her position while a search was conducted. Brenda will be working part-time for the next several weeks. Meanwhile, the search for her Circulation Day Supervisor (LAIII) position has been opened. It will remain open only to WSU staff until 06/28/07. More information may be found at: https://www.hrepartners.com/jobs/PositionDetail.cfm?JobNum=10211&PartnerCode=WU&LeoFlag=N

Compact Shelving Project Continues

Southwest Solutions, the folks installing the compact shelving, have completed installing Phase I and have moved to Phase II. John Stewart and his crew are making good progress in loading the compact shelving. As of Friday, they had loaded compact shelving materials from the TN-Z’s. Amy Williams has created a web-site to help track the project through pictures. To see these pictures go to: http://www.library.wichita.edu/circulation/shelvingproject/shelvingproject.htm

On the Road

Several folks will be out of the library during the next few days attending conferences and doing research. Sai Deng, Susan Matveyeva, Li Cao, Nan Myers, Liorah Golomb, and Dean Rao are attending the annual meeting of the American Library Association in Washington D.C. Joan Wilson is also in D.C. attending the conference and doing research at the National Archives with Gwen Alexander. This research is for a book she, Gwen, and John Williams are authoring. Willie Baer is in Hawaii attending the annual conference of the American Society for Engineering Education.
Progress Made On Compact Shelving Project

Great progress is being made on the compact shelving project. Yesterday the carriages were delivered to the library and the remaining parts were delivered to an off-site warehouse. The Southwest Solutions crew faced some challenges in getting the frames through our doors and elevators, but by day’s end all of the carriages were in the lower level. Today the crew is working on setting up the carriages on the rails for Phase I. If all goes well, they will use a Penske truck (about the size of the UPS truck) to begin retrieving needed parts from the off-site warehouse. They will continue building the ranges on Wednesday and expect to have some ranges available for filling by this Thursday. Meanwhile, members of the Compact Shelving Selection Team have been finalizing and tagging the list of items going to compact shelving.

Search Committee for Library Systems Developer Named

The votes are in and members of the search committee to find Hongfei Li’s replacement have been named. The members are: Susan Matveyeva (Chair), Lorraine Madway, Willie Baer, Madeline Sparling, and a student to be named. Muhammad Usmani will serve as a technical consultant for the committee. The committee will be meeting soon to develop their search plan. It is expected that the search will conclude sometime in September.

Forever Free Continues to Bring People To the Library

This past Saturday was the final programming event for the Forever Free exhibit. Approximately 40 persons attended a film viewing of the documentary “Touched by Fire: Bleeding Kansas.” The viewing was enhanced with comments by the writer and producer, Kenneth R. Spurgeon. For those of you who were unable to attend the viewing, the Libraries has a copy of the documentary in its collection available for circulation. (Reserve video stacks PN1995.9.C51S2 T68 2005)

Reminder – Gwen Alexander’s Going Away Party

This is a reminder that Gwen Alexander’s going away party will be held this Thursday, June 14th, from 9:30-10:30 in 305-the President’s Room of the RSC. Everyone is invited to come.

June 2007 Resource of the Month and Resource Workshop schedule

Compendex and Inspec from Engineering Village 2™ provide online information and support to engineering researchers, faculty, and students. Both serve as a resource for current awareness, industry trends and forecasts, new technology information, and competitive intelligence. They are updated weekly, each with over 35 years of literature.

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Two free workshops presented by William Baer, Engineering and Physical Sciences Librarian, will be given on June 13 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and June 19 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Ablah Library, room 217. Although registration is not necessary to attend, it helps assure there are enough handouts. For more information or to register, contact William Baer at william.baer@wichita.edu or 978-5082.

Resource of the Month website:
http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/ResrcMonth/RotMCCurrent.htm